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1. Officers observed on 1 March 1954 at the Batzenhaeusl building on Stalin Ring in Baden (O 49/X 37) included 4 colonels, 8 lieutenant colonels and 10 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets; 3 colonels, 7 lieutenant colonels, and 15 majors, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 1 colonel who wore black-bordered black epaulets. The building was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at this building included sedan  driver with red-bordered black epaulets,  sedan  driver with red-bordered black epaulets; sedan  driver with black-bordered red epaulets; sedan  driver with black-bordered red epaulets; jeeps  driver with red-bordered black epaulets; sedan  driver with red-bordered black epaulets; sedan  driver with black-bordered red epaulets;  sedans  driver with red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at the former Flak Kaserne on the Soos road, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets, included tank trucks  each driven by a soldier who wore red-bordered black epaulets; weapon carriers  drivers with red-bordered black epaulets. About 40 soldiers carrying field packs engaged in combat training outside the installation. Twenty-two trucks and 6 tank trucks were seen in the area of Helmenthof (estate), which was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black or black-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles leaving the estate included truck  driver with black-bordered black epaulets; weapon carrier  driver with black-bordered black epaulets; and truck  driver with red-bordered black epaulets. Six trucks were parked at Doblhof Castle, which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Two majors wearing black-bordered black epaulets and truck  driven by a soldier wearing black-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the site. Truck  and jeep  each driven by a soldier wearing black-bordered black epaulets, parked in front of the building located at the intersection of Braun Strasse and Muehl Gasse, which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Six trucks were seen in the courtyard of the building.

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2. On 2 March 1954, individual soldiers, two trucks and motor-vehicle tracks were seen at the gate of the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg (P 49/X 69), which was guarded by a sentry. One major who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and one major who wore black-bordered black epaulets were seen entering a building in Hainburg, which presumably contained their billets. Truck [ ] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was also observed in the town area. 2 25X1
3. On 26 February 1954, eighteen armored vehicles were seen at the garage installation southeast of the Druck on the Leitha River (P 49/X 77) railroad station, which was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. One T-34/85 tank occupied by three men arrived at the garage installation from Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 67). The traces of the tank tracks led to the tank range 2 km southwest of the garage installation. Some soldiers were doing maintenance work on an SU-100 SP gun at the garage installation where jeep [ ] was also seen. Truck [ ] driven by a soldier who wore red-bordered black epaulets, left from the hutments east of the garage installation. Motor vehicles and officers observed at the forest camp, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets, included two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; one major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; trucks [ ] all driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and truck [ ] driver with black-bordered red epaulets. 3 25X1
4. Officers entering the former Bundesgewerbeschule (federal trade school) in Pödling (O 49/X 37) between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on 24 February 1954, included 7 lieutenant colonels, wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 6 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; 8 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; 4 colonels wearing black-bordered red epaulets; 9 lieutenant colonels wearing black-bordered red epaulets; about 15 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets; 2 lieutenant colonels wearing black-bordered black epaulets; 6 majors wearing black-bordered black epaulets; 1 lieutenant colonel wearing blue-bordered blue epaulets; 3 majors wearing blue-bordered blue epaulets; about 5 officers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets; and 11 officers wearing red-bordered green epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included sedan [ ] driver with red-bordered black epaulets; jeeps [ ] driver with red-bordered black epaulets; sedan [ ] jeep [ ] all driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; jeep [ ] driver with black-bordered red epaulets; jeep [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets; jeep [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, sedan (2) [ ] and [ ] each driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets; jeep [ ] with red-bordered black epaulets; sedan [ ] driver with red-bordered black epaulets; jeep [ ] and jeep [ ] driver with black-bordered red epaulets. Jeep [ ] and 14 trucks [ ] were seen in the courtyard of the former automobile and aircraft engine factory on Gabrieler Strasse, which was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, left the Nyrtl'sche Waisenanstalt (orphanage). Six soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets were seen walking from the orphanage to the former automobile and aircraft engine factory. 4 25X1

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Comment. The 15th Gds Rock Launch Bn of the 13th Gds Mech Div is carried in Hainburg.

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Comment. The 15th (Gds?) Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Mech Div is carried in Bruck on the Leitha River.

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Comment. the vehicles belonged mainly to the Central Group of Forces; two jeeps belonged to the 13th Gds Mech Div. Except for truck which belongs to the Central Group of Forces

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